

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 23, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 318**

**Introduced by Senator Morrell**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brown and Obernolte)*

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An act to add and repeal Section 33134 to of the Education Code, relating to education technology, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 318, as amended, Morrell. Education technology and digital resources training pilot program.

(1) Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes local educational agencies throughout the state to operate schools and provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

This bill would appropriate, for the 2015–16 fiscal year, \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be allocated to ~~specified~~ *applicant* local educational agencies for the purpose of implementing a pilot program ~~in the County of San Bernardino~~ to train kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to more effectively utilize technology and digital resources within their instructional day, while also measuring and teaching the critical 21st century skills pupils need to succeed on California's next-generation online assessments, as well as to prepare pupils for college and career objectives, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the Superintendent to develop an application process for the allocation of funds appropriated for the implementation of the pilot program ~~to be limited that gives priority to applicant local educational agencies servicing the County of San Bernardino.~~ *that serve*

*a large percentage of pupils eligible for free or reduced-price meals.* The bill would authorize any local educational agency ~~servicing the County of San Bernardino in the state~~ to apply to the Superintendent for funding to implement the pilot program, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2020.

~~(2) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the county of San Bernardino.~~

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(2) Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 33134 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 33134. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the 2015–16  
4 fiscal year, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be appropriated  
5 from the General Fund to the Superintendent to be allocated to  
6 local educational agencies ~~servicing the County of San Bernardino~~  
7 who apply for the purpose of implementing a pilot program to train  
8 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to more  
9 effectively utilize technology and digital resources within their  
10 instructional day, while also measuring and teaching the critical  
11 21st century skills pupils need to succeed on California's  
12 next-generation online assessments, as well as to prepare pupils  
13 for college and career objectives.

14 (b) (1) The Superintendent shall develop an application process  
15 for the allocation of funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision  
16 (a) ~~limited that gives priority to applicant local educational~~  
17 ~~agencies servicing the County of San Bernardino: that serve a~~  
18 ~~large percentage of pupils eligible for free or reduced-price meals.~~

19 (2) Any local educational agency ~~servicing the county of San~~  
20 ~~Bernardino in the state~~ may apply for funding from the  
21 Superintendent to implement the pilot program described in  
22 subdivision (a), and subject to the requirements of subdivision (c).

1 (c) (1) The pilot program shall be operated in the County of  
2 San Bernardino County and focus on teachers working with  
3 underserved populations.

4 (2) The pilot program ~~shall~~ *may* include the ability to measure  
5 21st century skills of teachers and pupils using the international  
6 standards defined by the International Society for Technology in  
7 Education. The skills to be measured ~~shall~~ *may* include, but *shall*  
8 not be limited to, all of the following:

9 (A) Creativity and innovation.

10 (B) Communication and collaboration.

11 (C) Research and information fluency.

12 (D) Critical thinking and problem solving.

13 (E) Digital citizenship.

14 (F) Technology operations and concepts.

15 (3) The pilot program shall provide professional development  
16 for teachers to ensure that ~~these 21st century skills are met~~  
17 *developed* and that assistance is provided when these skills are not  
18 ~~met~~ *developed*.

19 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020,  
20 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
21 is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.

22 ~~SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act, which~~  
23 ~~is applicable only to the County of San Bernardino, is necessary~~  
24 ~~because this act will serve as a pilot program for training~~  
25 ~~kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to, among~~  
26 ~~other things, more effectively utilize technology and digital~~  
27 ~~resources within their instructional day.~~

28 ~~SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law~~  
29 ~~is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable~~  
30 ~~within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California~~  
31 ~~Constitution because of the need to enact this act on a trial basis~~  
32 ~~only, applied to one appropriately large and diverse county, before~~  
33 ~~extending the act to every county in the state.~~